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LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL PROGRESS UNDER JRY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the financial progress of Assam with reference to assets created under JRY during each of the last three years;

(b) whether financial progress under JRY was far below satisfactory level during the above period in the districts of Nalbari, Barpeta and Bongaigaon in Assam; (

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to make physical verification of JRY schemes in the above three districts to examine whether the objective have been achieved as per guidelines and norms; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)
(a): Jawahar Rozgar Yojana(JRY), which was the single largest wage employmentprogramme, has been restructured, streamlined and renamed as Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana(JGSY) with effect from 1.4.1999. The primary objective of JGSY is creation of need-based rural infrastructure as against creation of wage employment under erstwhile JRY. The financial achievement under JRY/JGSY in Assam during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 with reference to assets created is as per Annexure- I.

(b) & (c): Financial progress under JRY/JGSY in the districts of Nalbari, Barpeta andBongaigaon during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is as per Annexure II. Guidelines of JRY/JGSY do not envisage 100% utilisation of funds in a year. Under JRY carry over of upto 25% of funds was permissible till 1997-98 and 20% during 1998-99 whereas under JGSY, 15% of funds is allowed to be carried forward as unspent balances during 1999-2000 onwards. The performance under the programme in these districts, viewed in this context is, on the whole, satisfactory.

(d)& (e): There is no such proposal at this stage. However, as per the guidelines of the Programme an in-built Monitoring and Evaluation mechanism has been made in the scheme, itself. The Guidelines provides for Physical verification of works through field inspections by Officers dealing with JGSY at the State/district/sub-division/block levels regularly. At the Central level Senior Officers have been designated as Area Officers for each State including Assam. They are required to visit the State(s) assigned to them every quarter and physically verify the status of the works under the Scheme and also see whether funds have been fully utilised for the purpose for which it was earmarked. Further, at the time of release of second installment of Central assistance, audit reports and the Utilization Certificates in respect of grants released during the previous year are obtained and scrutinised. Instructions have also been issued to all the State/UTs including Assam to set up the Vigilance and Monitoring Committees at the State/District and Block levels for overseeing the implementation of various programmes of the Ministry including JGSY. The provision of Social Audit also exists under the scheme.

Annexure II

Referred to in reply to Part (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4290 due for reply on 20.4.2000.

Year 1997-98:
(Rs. in lakhs)

District	Opening balance	Allocation (C+S)	Release (C+S)	Total availa- bility	Funds utilised	% utilisation

Nalbari	37.47	340.36	424.10	461.57	299.48	64.88
Barpeta	136.11	280.81	276.50	412.61	315.61	76.49
Bongai-gaon	170.91	408.18	415.23	586.14	475.30	81.09

Year 1998-99:

(Rs.in lakhs)

District	Opening balance	Allocation (C+S)	Release (C+S)	Total availa- bility	Funds utilised	% utilisation
Nalbari	11.67	445.24	996.30	1007.97	372.31	36.94
Barpeta	42.70	367.34	714.09	756.79	248.99	32.90
Bongai-gaon	69.47	533.95	1770.38	1839.85	889.88	48.37

Year 1999-2000

(Rs.in lakhs)

District	Opening balance	Allocation (C+S)	Release (C+S)	Total availa- bility	Funds utilised	% utilisation
Nalbari	382.01	378.17	189.09	571.10	550.02	96.31
Barpeta	490.81	312.00	156.00	646.81	505.75	78.19
Bongai-gaon	347.00	453.52	226.75	573.75	434.31	75.70

Release/utilisation up to Jan., 2000